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Re: *U.S. Serial No. 09/129,565 Entitled: "INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION AND SPREAD WITH VIRAL AND RHOA-DERIVED PEPTIDES" by Barney S. Graham et al.*
Matter No. 10005331/VBLT:002US

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

1. Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
2. Request For Extension of Time To Respond To Final Office Action Dated August 5, 2002;
3. Notice of Appeal From The Primary Examiner To The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences;
4. A check for \$360.00 as the fee for the two-month extension of time and a notice of appeal; and
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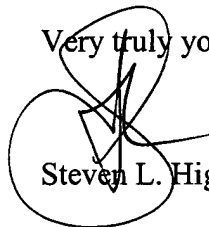
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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/129,565

Filed: 8/5/98

For: INHIBITION OF VIRAL INFECTION
AND SPREAD WITH VIRAL AND
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Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: L. Scheiner

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on August 5, 2002, to which a response is due on January 5, 2003, by virtue of the attached Petition for Extension of Time and payment of fees. No fees other are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright &